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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about November 1, 1954, they held 1,949.6 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 2 per cent greater than the 1,916.5 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on farm stocks (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,133.9 (1,033.7); Canada, 659.9 (769.6); Australia, 99.4 (43.8); and Argentina, 56.4 (69.4).

Canada's exports of wheat and wheat flour for August to October 1954-5 crop year 73.3 million bushels compared to 79.2 million exported in the same period last year. However, the production of low quality wheat in some countries is expected to increase the demand for high quality Canadian wheat for blending. More wheat was exported in September than in any month since July 1953 and for any September since 1945.

COARSE GRAINS:

Gross supplies of feed grain in Canada 1954-55 crop year are estimated at 18.3 million tons, 15 per cent below last year's record 21.7 million. The net supply of feed grain (gross supplies less estimated exports, seed requirements and other domestic uses) is estimated at 0.93 tons per grain - consuming animal, 15 per cent below the record of 1.09 tons available last year. However, supplies this year are ample since grain requirements seldom exceed 0.80 tons per animal.

The grain crop in Eastern Canada in 1954 was below the 1953 crop in both quantity and quality. Coupled with a currently larger live stock population, Eastern Canada should again provide a substantial market for western feed grain this year.

The hog-barley ratio at Winnipeg was 15.8 in October compared to 16.3 in September and 26.5 in October 1953.

LIVESTOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock between January 1 and December 24, 1954 (with comparable figures for 1953 in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 34,083 (20,691); feeder cattle, 13,285 (1,398); dairy and pure bred cattle, 31,193 (40,168); calves, 3,952 (3,455); hogs, 22,125 (18,458); and sheep 2,248 (1,982). Dressed meat exports in pounds were: beef 19,400,421 (26,070,274); pork, 53,885,934 (50,470,681); and mutton and lamb 98,960 (49,357).

DAIRYING:

In the month of November 1954, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,392,000 pounds compared to 1,266,000 pounds in November, 1953, an increase of 10 per cent.

POULTRY:

The number of eggs graded at registered stations in November were 10 per cent above gradings in November 1953. The average number of laying hens on farms in November was estimated at 3,450,000 compared to 2,855,000 a year ago. Total egg production was 3,355,000 dozen for the month in 1954 compared to 3,238,000 in 1953.

GRAIN MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEAR - August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954
August 1, 1954 - July 31, 1955

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of November	10,078	9,635	3,407	3,047	2,921	3,210	175	624	370	424
August - November	32,240	17,812	10,469	9,850	13,693	17,574	1,406	1,900	1,316	1,329
Estimated Farm Returns:					- dollars per bushel -					
Returns per Bushel [1] (October)	1.14	1,12[2]	0.49	0.45[2]	0.73	0.66[2]	0.76[3]	0.97[4]	2.37[3]	2.51[4]
					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of November	11,489	10,791	1,669	1,371	2,132	2,119	133	605	877	1,064
August - November	36,754	19,949	5,130	4,432	9,996	11,599	1,069	1,942	3,119	3,262
Canadian Wheat Board Participation Certificates:										
Month of November	-	-	-	-	7,108	-				
August - November	16,533	11,052	3,433	1,833	7,108	3,325				
Total Farm Income from Grain Receipts:	53,287	31,001	8,563	6,265	17,104	14,924	1,069	1,942	3,119	3,262

Total estimated income from Grain, including payments on participation certificates

	November	August - November
1953	$23,408,000	$ 83,142,000
1954	15,950,000	57,394,000

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1. Based on estimated grade of deliverable grain produced in 1954 plus stocks on farms at July 31.
2. Preliminary estimate of initial Wheat Board payments.
3. Final estimate of value of 1953 crop.
4. Monthly average of weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of November								
Calgary - - - - - - - - - -	18.06	19.10	16.56	14.00	19.39	16.89	28.24	22.85
Edmonton - - - - - - - - -	16.66	18.56	17.27	16.52	18.63	16.89	28.25	23.26
Lethbridge - - - - - - - -	17.12	19.11	-	-	18.96	16.75	27.99	22.87
January - November								
Calgary - - - - - - - - - -	19.05	18.54	21.81	17.93	21.96	19.63	28.65	29.23
Edmonton - - - - - - - - -	18.35	17.95	23.30	20.84	21.03	20.07	28.53	29.82
Lethbridge - - - - - - - -	18.37	18.34	-	-	20.81	19.33	28.33	28.98

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio x

1933-53	1953	Oct.1953	Oct.1954	Nov.1954
21.5	22.2	22.8	18.2	18.0

Live Stock Price Relationship x

	1933-53	1953	Oct.1953	Oct.1954	Nov.1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	84.7	106.5	108.5	103.3
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	92.8	102.4	97.7	94.0
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	104.0	111.1	109.9

x Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

x Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lbs. B_1 live hogs (federal government **quality** premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- number of head -							
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of November	50,061	61,050	22,476	26,683	12,256	17,770	140,360	156,030
January - November	433,129	505,220	104,208	120,002	102,098	109,424	1,278,234	1,269,436
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of November	14,641	17,712	9,991	10,435	2,760	3,820	-	-
January - November	65,742	81,637	20,655	20,551	12,564	13,123	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants.								
Month of November	35,420	43,338	12,485	16,248	9,496	13,950	140,360	156,030
January - November	367,387	423,583	83,553	99,451	89,534	96,301	1,278,234	1,269,436
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of November	x	2,721	x	1,261	x	257	x	2,716
January - November	x	28,566	x	8,597	x	2,060	x	24,533
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of November	38,141	46,059	13,746	17,509	9,753	14,207	143,076	158,746
January - November	395,953	452,149	92,150	108,048	91,594	98,361	1,302,767	1,293,969
	- dollars -							
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of November	$ 4,882,048	5,434,962	701,046	752,887	165,801	213,105	6,581,496	5,714,856
January - November	$ 62,468,910	61,867,461	5,110,437	5,110,296	1,740,290	1,799,889	58,810,722	61,056,065

	November		January - November	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
Estimated total income from the Sale of Livestock:	12,330,391	12,115,810	128,130,359	129,833,711

x Not Available.
In calculating total net marketings and values it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings in 1954.

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	OCTOBER		JANUARY - OCTOBER		OCTOBER		JANUARY - OCTOBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,824	1,726	22,211	22,332	1,089	967	12,634	12,710
Dairy Butter	9	5	82	59	5	3	46	32
Milk for Cheese Making	2,310	1,694	27,313	25,784	55	39	618	586
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and Fluid Cream x	10,795	11,272	121,810	117,956	301	312	3,354	3,237
Milk for Fluid Sales	17,304	17,598	161,006	169,309	789	806	7,294	7,676
TOTAL VALUE -					$ 2,239	2,127	23,946	24,241

x Ice Cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	NOVEMBER		JANUARY - NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY - NOVEMBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dozen				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	915,330	1,006,000	14,515,000	14,250,000	365,900	358,500	5,476,000	4,352,100
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	1,426,000	1,164,508	5,373,000	5,356,000	411,265	209,611	1,667,000	1,220,500
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY -					$ 777,165	568,111	7,143,000	5,572,600

COMPILED BY ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	27,705,833	25,687,030	- 7.29	2,329,596	2,481,533	6.52
	- Production	Barrels	3,145,044	2,680,736	-14.76	240,443	250,585	4.22
		Value $.	30,803,526	25,697,791	-16.58	2,458,293	2,366,015	- 3.75
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	28,587,829	28,901,873	1.10	1,501,770	1,670,634	11.24
		Value $.	16,687,946	16,560,051	- .77	916,080	1,002,380	9.42
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,621,482	2,460,795	- 6.13	138,891	119,071	-14.27
		Value $.	857,845	823,753	- 3.97	46,056	39,293	-14.68
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	27,701,508	29,076,441	4.96	2,229,396	2,596,837	16.48
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	106,839,822	113,101,929	5.86	14,005,240	13,321,660	- 4.88
	- Production - Meat	Lbs.	269,190,882	286,793,272	6.54	40,258,913	42,336,549	5.16
		Value $.	79,424,635	82,277,521	3.59	11,129,431	10,098,587	- 9.26
	- Exports - Meat	Lbs.	134,204,845	139,954,942	4.28	17,681,646	19,430,365	9.89
		Value $.	39,810,161	40,112,779	.76	4,887,207	4,634,142	- 5.18

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	5,237,005	4,329,275	-17.33	706,086	579,293	-17.96
		Value $.	28,450,794	23,428,209	-17.65	3,908,174	3,186,516	-18.47
Salt	Production	Tons	22,832	28,520	24.91	2,241	3,247	44.89
Petroleum Products Refined,	Gross Sales	$.	110,082,350	114,232,386	3.77	9,401,870	11,307,617	20.27
Propane	Production	Gallons	13,770,287	15,122,011	9.82	1,332,589	1,481,696	11.19
	Sales	Gallons	13,888,219	15,255,435	9.84	1,450,502	1,471,796	1.47
Butane	Production	Gallons	6,317,680	7,005,045	10.88	607,394	653,065	7.52
	Sales	Gallons	2,939,230	5,913,033	101.18	609,526	686,026	12.55
Sulphur	Production	Tons	16,319	19,765	21.12	2,002	2,449	22.33
	Sales	Tons	13,129	17,177	30.83	2,797	1,298	-53.59
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,535,524	2,708,232	6.81	251,498	251,967	.19
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	14,537,953	14,712,120	1.20	738,314	804,388	8.95
Cement	Production	Barrels	2,869,866	2,789,897	- 2.79	250,180	263,340	5.26
		Value $.	7,336,910	7,103,333	- 3.18	637,959	676,784	6.09
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	509,281	591,635	16.17	46,816	62,930	34.42
	Production	Tons	17,224	20,238	17.50	1,666	2,196	31.81
		Value $.	266,396	304,578	14.33	25,482	35,325	38.63

(1) SOURCE: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

			1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Oct.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (October)	1 9 5 4 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	62,039,961	71,714,931	15.59	6,815,591	7,870,761	15.48
	Value of Sales	$.	153,837,198	188,007,375	22.21	18,158,731	20,128,769	10.85
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	89,372,301	108,907,725	21.86	9,612,385	11,433,029	18.94
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	56,923,720	59,690,794	4.86	7,038,564	7,077,854	.56
	Exports	Gallons	1,595,086,127	2,147,464,991	34.63	187,375,850	240,450,319	28.33
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production	Gallons	578,753,948	569,905,083*	- 1.53	63,741,839	50,875,967	- 20.18
	Imports	Gallons	14,308,153	10,886,701	-23.91	1,774,754	1,184,294	- 33.27
	Exports	Gallons	133,185,974	131,297,816	- 1.42	14,584,591	12,491,325	- 14.35
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production	Barrels	483,128	539,412	11.65	52,587	64,649	22.94
	Value of Sales	$.	1,398,359	1,605,811	14.84	148,550	184,557	24.24

* Revised

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, October, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	353,733,000	320,082,000	- 9.51	18,396,000	12,649,000	-31.24
	Value $.	14,149,300	12,803,300	- 9.51	735,800	506,000	-31.23
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	17,245,000	15,899,000	- 7.81	880,000	650,000	-26.14
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,366,350	1,066,605	-21.94	2,220	1,733	-21.94
	Value $.	1,365,416	1,041,849	-23.70	3,032	3,594	18.54
Fisheries Production 9 Mos. (Jan.-Sept.)	Lbs.	8,103,270	7,419,695	- 8.44	-	-	-
	Value $.	732,247	941,759	28.61	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade - Gross Sales	$.	507,759,116	482,648,018	- 4.95	36,615,002	38,861,176	6.13
Machinery, Agricultural - Gross Sales	$.	61,456,305	39,314,250	-36.03	1,147,194	673,215	-41.32
Machinery, Other - Gross Sales	$.	25,488,283	21,238,359	-16.67	1,455,177	2,020,613	38.86
		(Jan. - Dec.)	(Jan. - Dec.)	Inc. %	(December)	(December)	Inc. %
Bank Clearings (12 Months)	$	3,975,399,094	4,584,251,823	15.32	359,435,485	488,054,155	35.78

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1953 (Jan. - Oct.)	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (October)	1954 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Department Store Sales (1)	$.	78,362,000	77,821,000	- .69	10,190,000	9,232,000	- 9.40
Retail Trade - Gross Sales (2)	$.	802,435,000	741,054,000	- 7.65	89,412,000	77,448,000	-13.38
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (3)	No.	37,787	26,732	-29.26	3,045	1,716	-43.65
	Value $.	94,310,000	69,088,000	-26.74	7,437,000	4,379,000	-41.12
Bank Debits (4)	$.	7,441,692,000	7,428,180,000	- .18	799,819,000	762,811,000	- 4.63
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	14,508,808	11,921,373	-17.83	1,174,857	1,075,810	- 8.43
Electric Power - Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	1,068,116,000	1,216,716,000	13.91	114,260,000	127,378,000	11.48

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVI, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 10, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	4,832	3,881	- 19.68	381	431	13.12
	Value $.	41,309,871	44,002,484	6.52	3,289,115	4,592,288	39.62
EDMONTON	Number	6,927	7,528	8.68	416	421	1.20
	Value $.	54,133,442	66,433,470	22.72	1,928,553	2,602,995	34.97
LETHBRIDGE	Number	692	820	18.50	52	62	19.23
	Value $.	7,283,841	8,671,627	19.05	339,805	1,070,470	215.02
MEDICINE HAT	Number	461	460	- .22	36	31	- 13.89
	Value $.	2,982,470	2,414,049	- 19.06	290,400	195,650	- 32.63
RED DEER	Number	384	362	- 5.73	33	50	51.52
	Value $.	3,791,550	3,301,300	- 12.93	922,100	637,500	- 30.86
DRUMHELLER	Number	62	59	- 4.84	6	5	- 16.67
	Value $.	131,385	311,523	137.11	15,140	4,450	- 70.61
WETASKIWIN	Number	134	132	- 1.49	12	6	- 50.00
	Value $.	1,279,840	620,430	- 51.52	58,000	4,800	- 91.72
TOTAL (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,492	13,242	- 1.85	936	1,006	7.48
	VALUE $.	110,912,399	125,754,883	13.38	6,843,113	9,108,153	33.10

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	6,624	5,162	- 22.07	393	555	41.22
	Value $.	78,912,800	53,312,000	- 32.44	4,080,800	5,822,900	42.69
BUSINESS	Number	841	728	- 13.44	89	79	- 11.24
	Value $.	58,241,200	79,966,800	37.30	4,184,800	9,953,600	137.85
INDUSTRIAL	Number	113	79	- 30.09	15	8	- 46.67
	Value $.	7,272,100	24,257,800	233.57	859,000	1,305,000	51.92
ENGINEERING	Number	329	267	- 18.84	10	36	260.00
	Value $.	64,027,800	49,264,400	- 23.06	1,135,900	1,708,900	50.44
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	7,907	6,236	- 21.13	507	678	33.73
	VALUE $.	208,453,900	206,801,000	- .79	10,260,500	18,790,400	83.13

(1) Source: Building Reporter, December, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	663,660	641,911	- 3.28	16,272	17,919	10.12
Elk Island	175,323	153,632	-12.37	900	750	-16.67
Jasper	132,702	120,891*	- 8.90	448	605	35.04
Waterton Lakes	206,587	219,621	6.31	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,178,272	1,136,055*	- 3.58	17,620	19,274	9.39

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	336	347	3.27	37	31	-16.22
Carway	15,712	16,568	5.45	191	287	50.26
Chief Mountain	11,289	11,363	.66	8	-	-
Coutts	36,799	37,156	.97	1,818	1,934	6.38
Del Bonita	1,318	1,349	2.35	146	141	- 3.42
Wild Horse	657	752	14.46	46	68	47.83
TOTAL	66,111	67,535	2.15	2,246	2,461	9.57

* Revised.

(1) SOURCE: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

OCTOBER - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,149,000	1,136,205	-	1,671,985	705,740	5,662,930
AA-	4,919,505	2,870,315	155,785	429,170☆	117,670	7,634,105
B-	255,920	-	-	-	-	255,920
BB-	31,435	99,348	82,891	265,214	1,600	480,488
C-	1,708,811	515,542	24,674	447,514	-	2,696,541
G -	308,143	466,106	66,725☆	8,370,831	-	9,078,355
H-	4,285,278	962,085	524	1,184,779	-	6,432,666
J-	7,402,666	3,208,313	744☆	3,546,549	2,523,920☆	11,632,864
L-	1,267,525	-	-	-	-	1,267,525
M-	42,262	47,761	14,509	280,183	1,155	385,870
N-	3,246,250	738,290	209,895	764,085	185,360	5,143,880
O-	2,194	-	-	136,454	-	138,648
P-	66,175	-	-	-	-	66,175
TOTAL	25,685,164	10,043,965	420,809	16,238,424	1,512,395☆	50,875,967

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	87,299,384	70,268,469	- 19.51	2,837,726	4,068,275	43.36
Boots and Shoes	2,737,426	2,397,878	- 12.40	235,543	223,893	- 4.95
Drugs	7,417,789	7,878,784	6.21	687,749	709,299	3.13
Dry Goods	12,266,968	11,004,033	- 10.30	966,205	930,983	- 3.65
Electrical Appliances and Radios	40,409,552	41,579,327	2.89	3,027,762	3,229,054	6.65
Florists	280,921	264,686	- 5.78	16,876	18,265	8.23
Furniture	5,215,482	3,824,333	- 26.67	321,935	278,615	- 13.46
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	128,551,386	131,904,582	2.61	9,360,096	10,357,562	10.66
Hardware	65,182,399	55,459,299	- 14.92	6,021,969	5,507,940	- 8.54
Lumber and Building Supplies	44,897,575	46,105,419	2.69	4,044,470	4,156,576	2.77
Paints and Varnishes	8,247,317	8,032,430	- 2.61	583,645	588,237	.79
Paper	9,326,594	9,005,158	- 3.45	837,951	834,255	- .44
Tobacco	17,621,191	17,893,679	1.55	1,730,829	1,850,504	6.91
Oilfield Supplies	9,062,886	11,173,345	23.29	562,930	724,320	28.67
Carbonated Beverages	18,120,767	16,554,821	- 8.64	1,488,566	1,533,185	3.00
Miscellaneous	51,121,479	49,301,775	- 3.56	3,890,750	3,850,213	- 1.04
TOTAL	507,759,116	482,648,018	- 4.95	36,615,002	38,861,176	6.13
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	122,424,222	116,901,573	- 4.51	9,614,605	10,230,277	6.40
Edmonton	108,228,205	107,389,310	- .78	8,722,399	8,992,469	3.10
Lethbridge	17,343,046	16,814,835	- 3.05	1,409,527	1,378,873	- 2.17
Medicine Hat	1,871,959	1,807,750	- 3.43	110,763	117,263	5.87
Smaller Centres	6,639,628	6,235,030	- 6.09	659,010	643,446	- 2.36
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	251,252,056	233,499,520	- 7.07	16,098,698	17,498,848	8.70
TOTAL	507,759,116	482,648,018	- 4.95	36,615,002	38,861,176	6.13

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Oct.)	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (October)	1954 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	802,435,000 (a)	741,054,000 (a)	- 7.65	89,412,000 (a)	77,448,000 (a)	-13.38
Grocery and Combination Store - - -	97,872,000	102,371,000	4.60	11,100,000	11,198,000	.88
Meat Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	11,921,000	11,836,000	- .71	1,505,000	1,336,000	-11.23
Country General Stores - - - - - -	50,495,000	48,701,000	- 3.55	6,026,000	5,237,000	-13.09
Department Stores - - - - - - - - - -	78,040,000	77,821,000	- .28	9,927,000	9,232,000	- 7.00
Variety Store - - - - - - - - - - - -	8,873,000	8,895,000	.25	1,082,000	1,059,000	- 2.13
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - - - -	184,005,000	154,175,000	-16.21	16,805,000	12,335,000	-26.60
Garage and Filling Stations - - - -	48,388,000	46,800,000	- 3.28	5,123,000	4,437,000	-13.39
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - - - -	11,957,000	10,943,000	- 8.48	1,538,000	1,171,000	-23.86
Family Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	9,572,000	8,574,000	-10.43	1,308,000	1,036,000	-20.80
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	14,231,000	13,042,000	- 8.35	2,491,000	1,990,000	-20.11
Shoe Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4,510,000	4,299,000	- 4.68	531,000	478,000	- 9.98
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	23,469,000	20,090,000	-14.40	2,953,000	2,195,000	-25.67
Lumber & Building Material Dealers-	47,622,000	41,768,000	-12.29	6,070,000	5,428,000	-10.58
Furniture Store - - - - - - - - - - -	8,852,000	7,923,000	-10.49	1,105,000	1,033,000	- 6.52
Appliances and Radio Stores - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33,233,000	27,860,000	-16.17	3,103,000	2,371,000	-23.59
Coal and Wood Dealers - - - - - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	16,351,000	16,494,000	.87	1,847,000	1,773,000	- 4.01
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Tobacco Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
All Other Trades - - - - - - - - - -	131,118,000	118,827,000	- 9.37	13,948,000	11,969,000	-14.19

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st November, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 11, November 1, 1954)

Employment increased slightly in the Prairie Region during the month of October, a month when a decline usually occurs. Favourable weather, which followed a prolonged spell of poor harvesting conditions, resulted in a pickup in farm labour requirements for the completion of the 1954 grain crop harvest. Industrial employment, though continuing at a high level, declined slightly, in accordance with the usual seasonal pattern. The construction industry showed particular buoyancy following a change in weather conditions and several large building projects were undertaken during the month.

The general level of industrial employment during October was about the same as the year before. The construction and service industries continued to show the most buoyancy, recording large year to year increases in all three provinces. On the other hand, employment in rail transportation and coal mining industries continued well below last year's levels.

Metropolitan Edmonton remained in the balanced group. Construction employment showed a further rise but labour requirements were being met by a steady influx of workers from other areas. Heavy demands continued for carpenters, painters, plumbers, steam-fitters, cement finishers, brick-layers and plasterers. On the other hand the available supply of unskilled workers increased more quickly during the month than could be absorbed.

Metropolitan Calgary also remained in a balanced category. All segments of the construction industry showed accelerated activity. Contractors were working a 12 hour day on highway and road work in order to make up for time lost because of bad weather earlier in the season, and house building activity reached a seasonal peak, following a pickup in residential construction. The value of new residential construction begun during the month amounted to about $4,500,000. Total industrial employment at the beginning of September was about 2 per cent higher than in the same month last year.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of November, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At October 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953 $	Oct. 1 1954 $	Oct. 1 1954
Mining	118.4	109.7	76.01	76.33	17,019
Coal	66.4	51.6	59.18	62.52	4,164
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	189.7	186.6	82.89	79.85	11,519
Manufacturing	132.7	132.9	57.94	61.08	26,762
Food and Beverages	128.7	124.6	52.61	56.52	9,160
Meat Products	114.3	122.4	63.90	64.40	3,890
Wood Products	106.6	106.2	49.70	47.55	2,795
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.3	101.9	58.82	60.48	1,155
Iron and Steel Products	149.6	151.4	66.85	68.75	2,754
Transportation Equipment	162.6	131.9	61.03	64.56	3,901
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	120.6	141.7	57.04	61.84	2,229
Products of Petroleum and Coal	138.9	138.5	80.34	79.11	1,327
Construction	209.5	219.1	67.34	65.75	24,150
Buildings and Structures (k)	224.9	221.6	74.03	69.25	13,485
Highways, Bridges and Streets	190.5	216.2	57.58	61.32	10,665
Transportation, Storage, Communication	123.3	117.7	62.80	63.77	24,490
Steam Railways	114.1	105.2	66.72	66.78	14,074
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	144.7	140.4	62.37	65.88	3,586
Storage	117.1	113.0	52.51	53.19	2,639
Trade-	125.6	129.7	50.61	52.75	25,865
Wholesale	127.9	128.6	54.82	57.83	8,797
Retail	124.4	130.2	48.24	50.13	17,068
Service	131.8	139.5	38.05	38.10	8,032
Hotels and Restaurants	128.1	138.9	37.76	36.67	5,605
Industrial Composite	135.0	135.6	60.13	60.85	136,297

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at OCTOBER, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953 $	Oct. 1 1954 $	Oct. 1 1954
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	124.7	122.7	63.33	63.76	9,235
Foods and Beverages	112.7	112.8	60.66	62.31	2,831
Transportation Equipment	153.3	123.9	63.10	63.74	2,266
Construction	186.6	217.5	60.59	64.95	4,290
Wholesale Trade	122.8	121.5	54.88	57.44	3,775
Retail Trade	122.1	128.8	49.96	51.29	6,482
Industrial Composite	133.9	138.1	57.35	58.71	33,808
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	141.5	148.8	60.23	63.59	11,019
Foods and Beverages	119.3	126.6	59.35	60.47	3,838
Meat Products	118.5	129.0	62.33	63.05	2,641
Construction	216.0	205.6	75.98	72.57	8,084
Wholesale Trade	139.6	145.0	54.05	58.57	3,668
Retail Trade	127.8	135.7	47.97	50.12	7,858
Industrial Composite	151.0	155.3	59.12	59.76	39,302

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1954.

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At OCTOBER 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1954
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	31.0	33.3	183.0	182.4	56.73	60.74	3,494
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.8	41.4	169.9	172.3	74.42	71.33	3,999
Manufacturing	39.4	40.3	141.4	146.5	55.71	59.04	18,944
Foods and Beverages	36.2	37.7	136.0	139.6	49.23	52.63	6,359
Meat Products	38.2	38.7	155.7	156.7	59.48	60.64	2,808
Transportation Equipment	39.8	41.6	151.7	153.9	60.38	64.02	3,042
Buildings and Structures (h)	42.2	41.5	176.3	164.5	74.40	68.27	11,167
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.5	39.5	145.5	150.5	58.93	59.45	2,120
Services (j)	42.3	39.4	83.7	88.9	35.41	35.03	5,204

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, October, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, NOVEMBER 1, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953
					$	$
Newfoundland	139.1	149.8	200.2	226.1	54.00	56.69
Prince Edward Island	120.9	125.2	158.2	161.0	44.08	43.35
Nova Scotia	100.5	103.9	132.4	132.6	49.30	47.71
New Brunswick	99.8	101.9	136.5	132.0	51.74	48.95
Quebec	113.6	116.3	158.2	156.4	57.19	55.26
Ontario	110.9	116.3	156.0	158.6	62.25	60.36
Manitoba	107.9	108.7	145.7	141.7	57.45	55.50
Saskatchewan	124.1	124.1	172.9	166.1	57.67	55.50
Alberta	133.5	132.4	187.3	180.3	62.27	60.47
British Columbia	110.2	110.2	157.0	156.7	65.00	64.94
Canada - Composite Index	112.5	115.9	157.3	157.4		
Canada - Manufacturing	106.3	113.1	150.5	155.0	61.89	59.98
Canada - Composite Figure					59.82	58.14

SOURCE: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division,

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.